

### Space Equipment Firm Moves to New Facilities

Occupancy of the new factory and office headquarters building of Space Equipment Corp. was completed last week, Edward J. Horkey, president, announced. The unit is the first part of a planned long-range facilities expansion program. Located at 2424 Moreton St., the new 13,000 square-foot, two-story structure houses corporate offices, engineering department and research laboratories. It serves as head-

quarters for two Space Equipment divisions — Thompson Industries Division, and Kerr Products Division. Thompson Industries was formerly located at 5896 Smiley Dr., Culver City. Space Equipment produces missile, space and industrial products. The firm's Thompson Industries division specializes in ground handling equipment, temperature control devices, fluid systems, and ballistic devices.

### Student Version 'Who's Who' Lists Local Girl

Miss Myra Christine Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Roberts, 2334 W. 241st St., Lomita, has been selected to appear in the 1961-62 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." A senior at Bob Jones University, Miss Roberts is one of 33 students who were chosen from the University student body this year on the basis of academic standing and campus leadership. More than 3,000 students from 49 states of the union and 27 foreign countries and territories are enrolled at Bob Jones University, a non-denominational, Christian institution which stands without apology for the absolute authority of the Bible. Miss Roberts, a 1957 graduate of Gardena High School, is enrolled in the School of Education with a major in speech education. She is a member of the Theta Delta Omicron Literary Society and has held the offices of president, vice president, and secre-

### Armed Forces

WAC Pvt. Lucretia A. Wallace, 18, daughter of Mrs. Betty F. Wallace, 5620 Via del Collado, completed the 5-week accounting course at the Finance School, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Dec. 15. Private Wallace received specialized training in organization, record procedures, and operations and reports, pertinent to financial accounting under the Army command management system. She also served as president of the Inter-Society Council.

### SIGHT and SOUND By Ernest Kreiling

## Television Taking New Steps To Report Background of News

Publications ranging from the scholarly Journal of Broadcasting published at the University of Southern California to Look Magazine have recently taken a close look at the current state of daily television news reporting. The Journal suggests that "few news events are truly comprehensive without interpretation and background," and questions whether formulas used by broadcasters of

news programs during the past 25 years are adequate today. Look Magazine underscores the same problem and thinks that part of the answer might be found in the networks offering half-hour newsprogram something none of them have yet dared to do.

Four camera crews and eight reporters probe Southern California for the big and the interesting news happenings every day. Consequently the evening program is largely based on film stories of people and events. Jerry Dunphy as the anchor man in the presentation emerges as one of the best of the local newscasters.

KNXT in Los Angeles has taken a significant step in providing news reports in greater depth and breadth than is being done by a television station in any major city in the country. The Big News, on Channel 2 each weekday for a full hour at 6:30 p.m., is the first really new development in television news in many years.

Bob Wood, vice president and general manager of the CBS station, expressed the hope that The Big News would become "a primary source of information for thoughtful people in Southern California."

"WHAT WE want to achieve in our local 45-minute portion of the program (15 minutes of the hour is CBS' Douglas Edwards Reports) is to devote larger segments of time to major news stories and probe them in greater depth, not simply add more news items." "In television news reporting the difference between confusion and comprehension can be as little as 60 seconds," he said. "With forty-five minutes to work with we can organize the program to accommodate the news. In one case we devoted nine full minutes to one important story. This would be impossible in the rapid 15-minute format."

Dimension is added to the news by reports by two special segments. One, Maury Green's Special Assignment, is a daily 7- to 11-minute documentary on some aspect of the current scene. RALPH STORY'S The Human Predicament, which is exceptionally well written, strives to arouse people to contemplate some of the peccadillos of today's society. To air this daily hour program KNXT has expanded its news department to 40 people, the largest television station news department in the country. The news department's budget was increased 35 percent, most of which won't be recovered although the program is "sold out" commercially.

WHAT'S BEEN the public reaction to an hour of news? One audience flow survey showed that 76 percent of the viewers stayed with the program for the full hour, indicating that an hour isn't too much news for many people. In the 6:30 to 7 segment KNXT has an average audience of about half a million people and is the most popular program in Los Angeles at that time. The station's audience is now 29 percent larger than it was a year ago.

SINCE KNXT's gamble on the public's acceptance of more news depth is proving successful, the networks are reported to be considering the possibility of expanding their national and international news reports, and we might be seeing half hour network news programs within another year. Not only might The Big News be a pioneering effort in new approaches to television news, it is also setting high standards of quality in writing, production, and presentation that will be hard to meet.

### Mary Blount Will Study In Europe

Miss Mary Margaret Blount, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willys G. Blount of Torrance, has been selected to participate in the University of Redlands European study program. Miss Blount is a government major at the university. The program is centered in Salzburg, Austria, and includes stays in France, England, Vienna, Italy, West Germany, the Netherlands, Czechoslovakia and Switzerland. Based around a core course of instruction in Contemporary European Civilization, the study program is academic in nature. The program will be conducted during the February-to-June semester.

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